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Dear Chief:

Please investigate the case of Ensign Charles W Benfield Jr. Ensign Benfield's nephew, (b) (6) is interested in having his uncle's remains recovered and interned on the mainland. (b) (6) has provided details of the plane crash and service records.

Regards,

Representative Leonard Lance  
District 7, New Jersey



## Privacy Authorization Form

Please print this form and email, fax or mail to:

Congressman Leonard Lance  
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Attn: (b) (6)

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Agency Involved: U.S. Navy Missing Personnel

Case Number, if applicable (VA claim, Alien number, tax ID, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Place Claim was Filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe problem in detail: Cos Charles W. Boodfield Jr, 14 Maple Terrace

Maplewood, NJ was a Navy Fighter Pilot. He was killed in a  
midair collision on April 6, 1945. His plane, a Grumman F6F  
Hellcat, fell into the sea intact with Charles still strapped  
into his seat. The crash site, according to recently obtained  
documents, show that the site is 7 1/2 miles due east from  
nearby NAS in a recoverable 135 water. His body was never

In accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, I hereby authorize Congressman Lance or a member of his staff  
to make the appropriate inquiries on my behalf.  
recovered. I am seeking contacts or assistance from some agency  
or department to attempt recovery of his remains

SIGNED

(b) (6)

DATE: 5-9-17